BACKGROUND
With the announcement of Dr. Darrell Krueger’s retirement as president of Winona State University, a nationwide search was conducted with the assistance of an executive search firm. Dr. Roland Barden, president of Minnesota State University Moorhead, chaired the search committee. Chancellor McCormick, along with members of the Board of Trustees and Cabinet from the Office of the Chancellor, interviewed three finalists. As a result of this process, Chancellor McCormick is recommending Dr. Judith A. Ramaley for the presidency of Winona State University.

Currently, Dr. Ramaley is a visiting senior scientist at the national Academy of Sciences and is Presidential Professor of Biomedical Sciences and a Fellow of the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at the University of Maine. She also served as president of two institutions, the University of Vermont and Portland State University. Dr. Ramaley holds a Ph.D. in anatomy from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a bachelor’s degree in zoology from Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:
The Human Resources Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion: The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Dr. Judith A. Ramaley as President of Winona State University effective July 18, 2005, subject to the completion of an employment contract, which the Board authorizes the Chancellor to negotiate in consultation with the Chair of the Board and Chair of the Human Resources Policy Committee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators.

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